



STAR of the SEA

a stewardship parish



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March 11th, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent (p133 in Red Missal)
Extraordinary Form: Laetare Sunday of Lent (p391 in Black Missal)



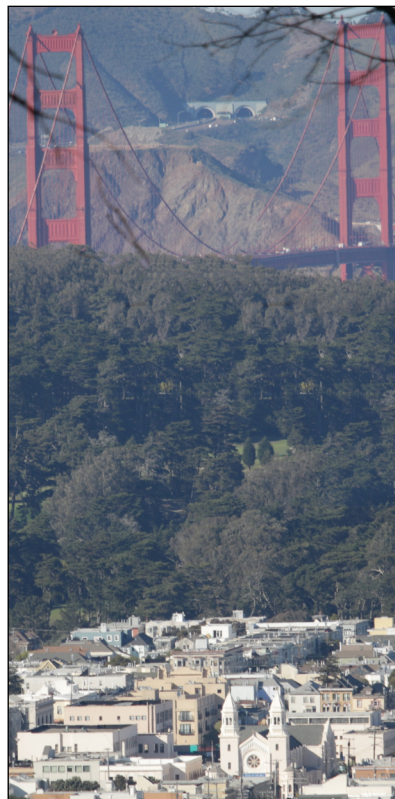
Laetare We call this “Laetare Sunday,” and the priest wears rose vestments, because of the first Latin word in the Mass, *Laetare, Jerusalem!* Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all you who love her!” In the first reading the Persian King Cyrus allows the Jews to return

home from their 40 years in Babylonian Exile: “Let him go up [to Jerusalem], and may his God be with him.” In the Gospel St. John writes that “God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life.” Our long exile in this “valley of tears” is over, and *we are going home!* Don’t you ever feel like “a stranger in a strange land” in this world? We are in fact in exile, longing to return to our true home, from whence we came, to “our Father’s House.” We have been exiled in this valley of the shadow of death—death casts its shadow on everyone and everything on earth. But our exile will end someday, and *we will be going home.*

Living in Exile America feels a lot less like “home” to me than when I was growing up. Part of my “homelessness” is simply my growing older. After about age 50, when we’ve done and seen just about everything in this life, we begin to look forward to a lasting, a better home. But there’s also a growing alienation in America. You can’t trust people like you could forty or fifty years ago. A general sense of anger and dissatisfaction and restlessness pervades our society these days. San Francisco used to be

a friendly city, but people swear angrily at each other on the streets now. Even the Church, especially in these last few years, is confused and divided. Our fundamental beliefs are being questioned by the highest authorities.

The Mass Last week so many people filled the church at the 9:30 Mass. They poured out to the donut and Bethlehem Olive Wood tables and felt joyful just to be with each other. I felt at home. Our parish is becoming a joy to us all, through the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is our true home!



Can you pick out your parish home in this city?

Our mission statement:

*to evangelize God’s people
beginning with the gift of the
Holy Eucharist.*

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Office: M-F 8:30am-4:00pm.
Office closed 12:00-1:00pm
for Mass.

Weekend Masses
Sat Vigil 4:30pm, Sun 8am,
9:30am, 11:30 am (Latin),
5pm (Latin), 7:30pm

Adoration
Mon. 8:00am 'til Saturday
4pm, Tuesday 7-8pm, Every
2nd Sunday 3:15-4:15pm

Daily Masses
Monday to Friday
7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon
Saturday 8:30am

Social Events
Parish BBQ: First
Sundays Young Adults
Tuesdays 7pm

Holy Day Masses
7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon,
5:30pm, 6:30pm (Latin
with choir)

Devotions to Jesus
Sacred Heart First Friday
after Noon Mass, Divine
Mercy Saturday at 3pm

Confessions
15 Minutes before every
Mass, Saturday 3:15-4:15 or
by appointment

Devotions to Mary
Perpetual Help Wednesday
after Noon Mass. Fatima First
Saturday after 8:30am Mass

NEWS

The Sunday Scriptures

by Fr. Joseph Illo **God so loves us...** (2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21) Do you ever eat at In-N-Out Burger? Under their soft drink cups, you will see the Scripture verse of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son....." As evangelicals, let us learn to love God by coming to Mass every Sunday. Loving God is His first commandment!

Eucharistic Adorer

Sign up for an hour with our Lord! Hours needed:

Monday: 11pm, Tuesday: 2am, 4am, 10am, 2pm,
Wednesday: 1am, 11pm, Thursday: 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 7:30am Mass every Monday morning, and goes till 4pm on Saturday. Adoration is in the Church during the day from 8am - 6pm and reposed during Masses. All other hours Jesus is exposed in the side Chapel. Please visit our Adoration information table outside the Chapel in the west entrance of the Church. Consider signing up for a weekly hour.

Parking Lot on Weekends

Starting this weekend, there will be a new system for exiting the parking lot. From Saturday morning till Sunday evening, the gate in between the main parking lot and the smaller side lot will be open. Please enter the large lot for Mass and exit through the opened gate connecting to the small lot. This will help ease traffic flow. Thanks!

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Now at 71% of Our Goal--Don't Stop Now!

Many thanks to all who responded to my **call to action** last Sunday! We were only at 30% (\$23,000) of our \$77,000 goal on Sunday, but by Monday morning we jumped to 71% (\$55,000). You more than doubled our progress in two days! The red thermometer that Martin put up in the church vestibule will soon burst its top. Remember that 100% of gifts received over \$77,000 comes back to our parish, so make your gift today. Join me if you can in the **1% Club** by giving \$770, or \$77 a month. Our gifts fund the Archbishop's work of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to San Francisco, preparing seminarians for ordination, funding our Catholic schools, and feeding the homeless. Be generous!



Star Outreach serving the Elderly

Bible Study at the Rectory

Bible study is every Tuesday at 3pm with MaryAnn Eiler

Engage - Fr. Robert Barron

We will be doing a trial period for a new program called Engage by Word On Fire. Emails will be sent out with suggested videos and educational materials for parishioners. Let us continue to grow in our faith as we sanctify our time with the Church's resources.

C.S. Lewis & Star Book Club

Star Book Club will continue its lively discussion of *Miracles* by C.S. Lewis on Sunday, March 18, at 1:45 p.m., in the Parish Rectory.

Tea with Star Mothers

The Star Mothers' Group cordially invites you to an afternoon tea with Fr. Illo on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at 12 noon. The tea will be held in the dining room of the rectory. Tickets are \$40 per person. Please RSVP to Helen Young at helenmarieyoung@gmail.com. There will be a reflection by Fr. Illo, followed by music, tea and finger foods!

Keep Belongings Close

A few weeks ago a parishioner's bag was stolen out of the pew before Mass. Please keep your personal belongings close to you at all times, especially while kneeling or leaving the pew to receive Communion. This is a real shame; let's pray for the individual.

PRAYER

	Time	Intention
Sat 3/10	8:30am 4:30pm	Int. of Lucy Tai & Family +Jeannot Zago
Sun 3/11	8am 9:30am 11:30am 5:00pm 7:30pm	+Anthony Torres +Augusto Torres People of the Parish +Carmel Perrone +Roger Francois Xavier +Maria Linda Celestial
Mon 3/12	7:30am 12Noon	+Carmel Perrone Int. of Jeremy Lobo
Tue 3/13	7:30am 12Noon	+Carmel Perrone Int. of Mary O'Riordan
Wed 3/14	7:30am 12Noon	+Carmel Perrone +Luigi Dreon
Thu 3/15	7:30am 12Noon	+Carmel Perrone Int. of Marian Connelly
Fri 3/16	7:30am 12Noon	+Carmel Perrone +Oscar Geruacio +Pacencia Villanueva +Consuelo Francisco
Sat 3/17	8:30am 4:30pm	Int of Andrew Gotshall +Melita Ribeiro

Please pray for ...

Fr. John

McDermott, Ron

Howes, Leoni

Pryor, Billy

Kennedy, Jenny &

Francis Chow,

Blanca Barahona,

Valerie Chicas,

Valerie Abejuro

Miller, Raquel

Pasco, Sis. Theresa

Grant, Peter

Haramis, Leslie

Weber, Christina

G. Piazio, John

Driscoll, Edna

Herrera, Miles

Sellai, David

Schiessl, David

Talpas, Matthew

Nelson, Cecilia

Conway, Sicily

Guzman,

Anastasia Olbash,

Ben-Hur Palma,

Michael Hughes,

Mary Accdan,

Charde Ford,

James Houghton,

Flora Atento,

Tony Yoshida, Raymond Ellery, George Pulizzano, Maria

Fernanda Marcal, Maryanne Thompson, Christian

Ourtague, Pat Hegarty, Johnny Colins, Sam Lahey, Joshua

Cavalier, Manuel Sequeira, Evelyn Gan, Tessie So, Mary

Guy, Beradi Wang, Suzane Wang, Rosa Lee, Tina Sanchez,

Janice Alden Tom Schatz, Luz King, Connie Abordo, Jean

Brock, Jennifer Bolla, Dave Van Sciver

First Saturday Devotions

We will be devoting ourselves as a parish every 1st Saturday of the month. The devotion consists of these 4 points:

- Confession
- Holy Communion
- Rosary
- 15 minute Meditation

Come April 7th to 8:30am Mass and stay for the rosary afterwards. Our Lady says, **“I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation.”** This means that our Blessed Mother will be present at the hour of death with the actual grace of **final perseverance**, which is *the most important grace* after the grace of Faith.

EVENTS

Saturday March 10, **Stewardship Retreat #2** 1-4pm in the Rectory.

Monday March 12, **RCIA Class** 6:30pm in the Rectory

Tuesday March 13, **Bible Study** at 3:00pm at the Parish office. Call (650) 660-4546 to RSVP

Tuesday March 13, **Holy Hour** at 7pm in the Church to pray for the intentions of everyone at the Parish and School

Tuesday March 13, **Young Adults Fellowship** after 7pm Holy Hour in the west entrance of the Church followed by going to a local pub

Thursday March 15, **Pro-Life Group** at 7pm prays outside Planned Parenthood on Valencia St.

Thursday March 15, **Communion and Liberation** at 7:00pm in the St. Francis Room

Friday March 16, **Soup Supper**, 6:00pm in the auditorium, **Lenten Speaker Fr. Kennedy**, 6:30pm in the auditorium, **Stations of the Cross**, 7:15pm in the Church

Saturday March 17, **Legion of Mary** 9:30am in the Parish office

Saturday March 17, **Star Mothers' Group Afternoon Tea** at 12noon in the Rectory. \$40. RSVP

Saturday March 17, **Stewardship Retreat #3** 1-4pm in the St. Francis Room

Saturday March 17, **Serving the Homeless**, 3:30-4:30pm under the Cesar Chavez and Potrero Hill exit of Hwy 101

Saturday March 17, **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** at 6pm in the Church parking lot and auditorium

Sunday March 18, **Star Book Club** at 1:45pm in the Rectory

Monday March 19, **St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass** 6:30pm

Friday March 23, **Soup Supper**, 6:00pm in the auditorium, **Lenten Speaker Fr. Kennedy**, 6:30pm in the auditorium, **Stations of the Cross**, 7:15pm in the Church

Saturday March 24, **Legion of Mary** 9:30am in the Parish office

Friday April 6, **First Friday Mass** 5:30pm Latin Mass

Saturday April 7, **First Saturday Devotions** 8:30am Mass followed by the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a way of life, a life of accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Giver of all. **Stewardship** involves responsible management of our God-given resources of **Time, Talent, and Treasure**. Our time spent in prayer, the use of our abilities and wise giving of our wealth make us effective caretakers of God's gifts and good disciples of Christ.

Star Outreach

We serve with the Missionaries of Charity every 3rd Saturday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30pm under the Cesar Chavez and Potrero Hill exit of Hwy 101.

St. Patrick's Dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Saint Joseph the Workman Council invites you to a Saints Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 6pm in the parking lot of Star of the Sea and school auditorium. Proceeds go towards a Scholarship Fund for Children of the Parish. Cost: Adults - \$25.00; Youth 7-18 years old - \$10.00; 6 and under- free. For more information, contact Bud Feria at 415- 420- 5112.

Steward Stats



Time: 22+ parishioners came to learn about Stewardship last weekend



Talent: 86 elderly served with Star Outreach and the Sisters of the Poor



Treasure: \$9,215 given in Offertory

Estate Planning: Help our work live on. Please remember us in your will. For information on estate planning, please contact Martin Ford at the parish office.



Stewardship Retreat

Thanks to all who attended our first session last Saturday! One of the questions for group reflection was: **What has been the source of your most joyful moments?** I invite you to think about this question and find that source! The next class will be on Saturday March 10th, from 1 to 4pm in the Rectory and will be presented by Fr. John Piderit, S.J., Moderator of the Curia & Vicar for Administration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and Florian Romero, Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Soup and Stations

Supper starts at 6pm in the auditorium. Fr. Kevin Kennedy will give a reflection on Our Lady at 6:30pm. Stations of the Cross is at 7:15pm in the Church..

St. Joseph's Feast

There will be a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, one of our patrons at Star, on March 19th at 6:30pm.

Our parish is subscribed to FORMED.ORG. It's like a Catholic Netflix. Secret code: **DGG4E2**

Beautifying our sacred space	Thelma Queri (415) 751-0450
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Parishioner Registration

Please place this in the offertory basket

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Information

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ FULL ☐ ASSOCIATE